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I would like to know who determined that the break up of Microsoft would be in the consumers best interest. I would bet it came from a disgruntled competitor like Netscape. Surely it could not have come from the same people that thought that breaking up AT&T was good for the consumer. I feel that to penalize Microsoft for continuing to develop new technology is wrong. It sends a message to others that may want to develop and market a product, that if they get too big or too popular and the competition can no longer provide an equal quality product for a competitive price, that someone will sue them and try to destroy what they have done. If I am successful, the government will take away that success. Enough is enough! Why is it that the courts have recommended a settlement and Microsoft has agreed to it, that there are still those that oppose that settlement. They seem intent on destroying Microsoft. How much do those people give back to the people responsible for their success? How much do they give to charity? How much? I feel that if Microsoft continues to come under assault, that the inevitable result will be less new innovation and new technology and higher prices to pay for it. I am sorry, but my idea of the American Way is not to Pay more for less!

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